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In re

Application of:

Tanner, et al.

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A SURGICAL PROCEDURE

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sirs:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 3, 2004, and within two months thereof, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Applicant's Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.